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ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JUNE 21, 1993

MINUTES

390 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, N.J.

ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD ROOM

PRESENT: Margaret Rosario-Rivera, Chairperson
Luis Santiago, Nancy Alejandro Dillard,
George Santiago, Carlos Alma,
Noemi Velazquez, Samuel Delgado,
Gene Calderon, Walter Oliveras

Absent: Dennis Alvarado, Delia Sosa

Staff: Fernando Fuentes, Angela Corbo,
Carmen Sanchez, Roberto Del Rios

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. WAIVER OF NOTICE

All Board members indicated that they were all duly notified of the Board meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

George Santiago moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Noemi Velazquez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

M. Rosario-Rivera informed the board that she attended a number of receptions on behalf of ASPIRA. One of the receptions was held in New Brunswick where she presented before parents and administrators who are interested in having ASPIRA expand in New Brunswick. M. Rivera highlighted the expansion process and the community agreed to discuss the matter in the future.

M. Rivera also attended a meeting in Perth Amboy on youth and stated that it was primarily a sharing of information meeting.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

F. Fuentes thanked the Board for their understanding and concern over his recent car accident.

*How did he
know?*
F. Fuentes presented Roberto Del Rios who discussed the Program Report. R. Del Rios informed the Board that staff have been planning a trip to Puerto Rico with 7 students and 3 staff members. R. Del Rios indicated that La Casa De Don Pedro held a similar trip last year through the Office of the Commonwealth. Liability insurance and a permission disclaimer will need to be followed up on.

Noemi Velazquez indicated that she would like to see an itinerary of activities while the students are at Puerto Rico.

S. Delgado suggested that staff should extend invitations to funders to participate in activities of this nature.

Carmen Sanchez, proceeded with the executive Director's report by giving the Financial status of the Agency.

Angela Carbo provided the Board with a report on the agency's most recent fundraising initiatives. She indicated that direct letter appeals have been sent to previous individual donors.

The status of the agency's request to the City of Newark Community Development Block Grant has still not been decided. A decision needs to be rendered by September 30th. F. Fuentes has been meeting with the members from the City Council securing their support.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Program Committee

Attend to this
G. Calderon informed the Board that a planning meeting for the Latino Males Conference was held on June 7th. Future meetings have been planned for June 28, July 19, August 9, and August 30. The day of the conference has been scheduled for Nov. 19, 1993 at Trenton State College.

Discussion of the Latino Males Conference ensued in reference to the State of New Jersey's initiative on the Minority Male's Conference.

L. Santiago proposed that a letter be written to the State Minority Male Conference Planning Committee clearly stating that

Latinos must be present in all aspects of The Minority Male Conference but that ASPIRA will nevertheless sponsor its Latino Males Conference.

It was agreed that L. Santiago and F. Fuentes will collaborate to write given letter.

M. Rivera requested that a copy of projected timelines are needed.

Development Committee

S. Delgado informed the Board that the 25th Anniversary Gala will be held at the Hilton Renaissance in East Brunswick on Oct. 8, 1993.

Dr. Antonia Pantoja has agreed to serve as guest speaker.

Rita Moreno has been invited for a special recognition award.

Presently Adolf Coors Company has agreed to sponsor the reception.

David Diaz, reporter from CBS, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

After some discussion it was decided that the theme for the Gala will be: "Celebrating 25 Years of ASPIRaciones Realizadas"

Personnel Committee

No report was given.

VII.ELECTIONS

M. Rivera informed the Board that Delia Sosa and Dennis Alvarado will be asked to resign from the Board due to excessive absenteeism.

M. Rivera proposed that due to an increase in Board activity and with new board members being appointed that Elections be ~~held~~ *be* suspended until September or November.

After some discussion it was agreed that elections will be held.

M. Rivera passed the Chair to Noemi Velazquez.

N. Velazquez open the floor ~~for~~ *for* nomination for Chairperson.

L. Santiago nominated M.Rivera, W. Oliveras second M. Rivera accepted.

C. Alma moved to close nominations for Chairperson. G. Calderon seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Velazquez opened the floor for nominations of Personnel Committee Chairperson.

L. Santiago nominated C. Alma for Personnel Committee Chairperson. G. Calderon seconded, C. Alma accepted.

G. Santiago moves to close nomination. W. Oliveras seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

N. Velazquez open the floor for Program Committee Chairperson.

C. Alma nominated G. Santiago for Programs Committee Chairperson. S. Delgado seconded, G. Santiago accepted.

M. Rivera nominates G. Calderon, W. Oliveras seconded, G. Calderon declines.

W. Oliveras moved to close nominations, L. Santiago seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

N. Velazquez opens the floor for nominations for Development Committee Chairperson.

W. Oliveras nominates S. Delgado, G. Santiago seconded the nomination, S. Delgado accepted.

M. Rivera nominates Nancy Dillard, L. Santiago seconded the nominations. N. Dillard accepted.

Vote is taken, 7 in favor of S. Delgado 2 in favor of N. Dillard.

N. Velazquez opens the floor for nominations of Secretary.

G. Santiago nominated N. Dillard for Secretary, L. Santiago seconded, N. Dillard accepted.

C. Alma nominated N. Velazquez, S. Delgado seconded the nomination Noemi accepted.

Vote is taken 5 in favor of Nancy 4 in favor of Noemi

N. Velazquez opened the floor for nominations of Treasurer.

W. Oliveras nominated Noemi Velazquez, L. Santiago seconded the nomination. N. Velazquez accepted the nomination.

C. Alma moved to close nomination of Treasurer, W. Oliveras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Executive Board of Directors for 1993-1994

Chairperson-Margaret Rosario Rivera
Vice chair of Programs-George Santiago
Vice Chair of Personnel-Carlos Alma
Vice Chair of Development-Samuel Delgado
Secretary-Nancy Alejandro Dillard
Treasure-Noemi Velazquez

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Title XX Donor Match Resolution

Carlos Alma moved that the Board accept the resolution presented for the Title XX Donor Match agreement. Gene Calderon seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Conflict of interest Policy

Carlos Alma moved to adopt the proposed conflict of Interest policy. L. Santiago seconds the motion. 7 in favor 0 oppose 1 abstention

Standards of Procurement

C. Alma moved that copies of the proposed standards of procurement be sent to the Executive Committee for ratification. S. Delgado seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. BOARD VACANCIES

The Nomination Committee presented 4 candidates for consideration. After some discussion N. Dillard moved to accept Mirva Rivera to the Board. W. Oliveras seconded the motion 7 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstention.

C. Alma moved to accept Hector Bonilla to the Board W. Oliveras seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

W. Oliveras announced that he was submitting his resignation due to health reasons. The Board thanked Mr. Oliveras for his commitment during his tenure with the Board and they wished him well.

X. ADJOURNMENT

G. Santiago motions to adjourn the meeting. W. Oliveras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.